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# MELBOURNE CHAMPIONS

By GEORGE YELLAND

**Wembley Stadium never staged a more thrilling cup final than we saw at Olympic Park, on Sunday.**

Melbourne won the Australia Cup from Apia (Sydney) 4-3, and they won it well.

Melbourne did Victoria proud and justified their position as Australia's premier club for 1967.

In the dressing room, after that fantastic win, I moved among players, seeking their reactions. "Wonderful . . . terrific . . . on top of the world . . . still can't believe we've done it". These comments were indicative of the delirium of delight that enveloped eleven very weary young men.

Mr. Melbourne, himself, in the person of club chairman Andy Kun walked among his boys with a look of unbelievable joy, while secretary Tom Markus had an even wider smile.

**As he walked off the Park, with his usual enigmatic expression hiding the pride and joy which he must have felt, popular and brilliant coach, Bill Walsh, showed something of the strain of the preceding two hours when I asked him what factor he considered most weighty in his team's great victory.**

"This", he said, as he tore out a news item from a Sydney newspaper.

"I pinned it up in the dressing room before the game and told the lads to read it AND ANSWER IT ON THE FIELD. It was the final spur which drove them to give all they had. The rest you know".

When asked at what stage of the game he considered his boys might win, he said, "I never had any doubts after the first ten minutes".

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## GREAT MOMENT

*Alistair Scott, Melbourne's captain, collects the Australia Cup after his team beat the brilliant Sydney side Apia, 4-3, in extra time. Below is the team lined up before the presentation. They are from left, Henry Surma, Alistair Scott, Ian Shanks, Frank Stoffels, Tom Fowler, Peter Kurta, Tony Gregal, Gerrad Genouille, Collin Myers, Bill Walsh (coach) and Atilla Abonyi. For more pictures of the Cup Final, turn to page 4.—Pictures by Uwe Kuessner.*

# TWELVE WAYS TO BOOST SOCCER

By MAX GARRETT

**Here are a dozen proposals to lift Soccer in Australia.**

1. The Australian Soccer Federation should resolve on a 3-5 years' development plan covering ALL States. Implementation costs to be covered from both Pools and International tours income. Without the national body's full governing power — as in most leading Soccer countries — national direction and progress is impossible.

2. Every State should formulate and implement its own supplementary development plan based on maximum elevation of juniors, subsidising District and School Soccer, providing technical aid, etc.

3. As part of (1), appointment of world-class Director of Coaching for at least two years. (a) to create coaching schemes and new coaches, nation-wide, (b) to take charge of National Team squads and equally to select and coach squads of Under-23, 18 and 16 for international contests.

4. The A.S.F., as part of its development plan, to engage through F.I.F.A.'s Technical Committee, an outstanding referee for at least three months, to referee, to instruct and to conduct classes; this to cover ALL States.

5. The A.S.F. to be instrumental towards formation of the Professional Players' Union to protect players' and clubs' rights and obligations.

6. The Australian Junior Federation to be created, linked up nation-wide, with its own full-time secretary.

7. Nationally, the code to conduct two competitions only; League and Australia Cup, the latter to be open to ALL clubs, as exampled by the F.A. Cup competition. The National League to be planned for but not to be implemented until popular following and attendance figures safeguard its allround success.

8. Internationally: To link-up with the Asian Confederation, participate both in the Merdeka and Asian Youth tournament, proceed to establish the Oceania Confederation and plan for a yearly average of six BIG Internationals in the major capital cities — with less in others. These are the biggest attractions and money-spinners, offering THE outstanding opportunity for our players to gain international experience and representative honors.

9. Establish YOUTH COACHING CAMPS in all States for outstanding and dedicated talents to advance their skills and allround knowledge of the game.

10. Formation of the Australian Referees' Federation, with one of their selections to spend four weeks yearly in the U.K. and to coach extensively after return. Trip to be sponsored by the A.S.F. and/or jointly by all State Federations.

11. The A.S.F. to organise yearly a training course for administrators and club managers by engaging, through F.I.F.A., a top man for two-three weeks.

12. Weekly Soccer papers to be subsidised in all States to enable maximum circulation, including free copies to schools.

We have many fine, dedicated people administering the code at all levels.

The way to harmonise them into united effort, into trusting each other, requires the acceptance of a common aim: **To work for the advancement of the code as a whole.** Instead of pulling against each other — sometimes sub-consciously — TO PULL TOGETHER.

Not for the glory of any section, group or State, but foremost in the service of Australian Soccer.

**On a sunny May day in Vienna in 1931, I was one of 40,000 at the Scotland v. Austria match, 30,000 stayed away expecting a humiliating defeat of "that bad selection of ours".**

The Scottish champion team, considered a "certainty" to thrash Austria, were devastated 5-0 after an exhilarating exhibition by the WUNDERTEAM, which was born on that day. Above all, it was a grandiose TEAM EFFORT.

International experts and reporters paid tribute to "one of the finest performances ever" but the greatest tribute came when the final whistle blew.

Thousands of youngsters streamed onto the field, mobbing their idols with joyous pride. It was THEIR victory as well. These men were THEIR examples to follow.

And, on reflection, I never had any doubt, that even a draw or glorious defeat would have created the same impact.

**On that day alone, when your youth starts to celebrate the deeds of their national heroes, will Australian Soccer have achieved national greatness and international recognition.**

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Apia never produced the flowing rhythm which delighted the crowd at St. Kilda earlier in the season, because Melbourne never allowed them to settle down.

From the kick off, the Victorian side fought for every ball.

How they fought. This was a triumph of youth, team work and enthusiasm, allied to no small amount of skill.

Alistair Scott worked like a horse and controlled the middle. Tom Fowler and Tony Gregal were solid and capable full backs. Frank Stoffels used his experience to telling effect.

Newcomer Grenouille was a fine distributor of the ball and initiated many attacks. He's fitting well into the side. Frank McCann, replaced at half-time by Peter Kurta, had a good first half and linked well with Abonyi and Shanks. Slight in build, his replacement was a sound move, for Kurta came into the game fresh and full of fight.

It was the young players who made the day for me, however. "Ottie" Abonyi has never played better. Twenty-one years of age, this amazing young man, brought by his father from Slavia Juniors when he took charge of Melbourne Juniors 8 years ago, scored a hat-trick and demonstrated ball control to the delight of spectators.

**Bob Connelly, only 23, has seen three years' service with Scottish League side St. Johnstone, one year with Liverpool Youth team and has already completed two years with Melbourne.**

He established himself, on Sunday, as one of the most tenacious and accomplished wing halves in Victoria. His dynamic run and 40 yard drive which crashed against the crossbar and provided Abonyi with his first goal, brought everyone in the ground to their toes, roaring approval.

Colin Myers, 24, fleet of foot, with a kick like a mule, again displayed the speed and form which makes one wonder how he missed out on the National side. This likeable and modest young star said: "Even when playing with Gravesend in Southern England, I never played with such a fine bunch of blokes as we have at Melbourne and we have the best coach in the world. I feel proud to be a member of such a great club." His two and a half years with Melbourne have been the happiest of his career.

Peter Kurta, whose centre provided Stoffels with a simple goal, is the "baby" of the side. His 20th birthday occurred only last week and yet he has been with Melbourne 6 years; all his football life.

A strong shot with either foot, fast and elusive, he's living proof that bringing up Juniors is the real answer to Soccer's future in Australia. Starting with the under 14's he has worked his way up with hard training, good coaching and dedication to the game.

Henri Surma, another 21-year-old, well known already to Melbourne crowds, is another example of boys who have come up through Junior ranks. Starting with Frankston Juniors, where he lives, at 13, he was loaned to Aspendale for season, during which they became League champions.

Although still eligible for the under 14's, he played with the under 16's and demonstrated marked ability and promise as a goalkeeper.

Living up to early promise, he became automatic choice for Melbourne State League side and is now about to embark on the tour to Noumea as number one goalkeeper for the Australian under 23 team.

**Ian Shanks, third member of Melbourne's brilliant half-back line, is 20 and a pint-sized edition of Manchester United's George Best.**

He was the best man on the field. Tackling like a terrier, he took much of the sting out of Archie Blue, McKinnon and Campbell and still found time to initiate, and join in, many attacks. His astute passes and clever positioning belied his youth.

If only we could see this standard of game week by week, the crowds would come rolling back. We look forward to the Night Series with renewed hope.

Teams:—

**Melbourne:** Surma, Fowler, Gregal, Connelly, Scott, Shanks, McCann, Abonyi, Stoffels, Grenouille and Myers. Kurta replaced McCann at half-time.

**Apia:** Taylor, Nuttall, Ackerley, Hughes, Van Blerk, Bottalico, McKinnon, Blue, Watkiss, Giacometti and Kerklaan. Campbell replaced McKinnon at half-time.

Crowd: 11,185. Receipts: $8,500.00.

Referee: Mr. V. Dobinson (Queensland).

Linesmen: Mr. M. O'Malley and Mr. D. Grant, both from South Australia.

Result: **Melbourne** 4 (Abonyi 3, Stoffels), **Apia** 3 (Gregal o.g., Giacometti, Watkiss) after extra time. Score at 90 minutes 3-3.


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*HERE is a portion of the biggest gathering of coaches ever assembled in Victoria. The picture was taken at the Melbourne University on Sunday during the Australian Federation of Soccer Coaches symposium. TOM HAFEY, V.F.L. Coach, is third from right in sports jacket.*

From MARTIN ASTON, in Saigon

# THREE VICS IN FIRST GAME

**George Keith, Dick van Alphen and Billy Vojtek are the Victorians likely to play for Australia in Saturday night's opening match of the Asian tour against Vietnam.**

Joe Vlasits, the Australian coach, told me this before Australia's touring party left for Saigon on Monday.

"Barring sickness or injury, I have just about made up my mind on the team to play Vietnam", he said.

It is likely to be Romanowicz; Keith, Ackerley; Schaefer, Van Alphen, Westwater; Vojtek, Warren, Watkiss, Baartz, De Lyster.

The choice of Roger Romanowicz, a 20-year-old from South Australia, in goal ahead of the more experienced Ron Corry does not come as a surprise after last week's training in Sydney.

Romanowicz has captured the imagination of the other players with his ability to make a jack-knife leap and catch the ball.

**Van Alphen can prepare himself for an extended stint of duty as Australia's "stopper" following the decision to use John Watkiss as a forward as often as possible.**

Vojtek had to be the first forward picked following his thrilling display in scoring four of Australia's 11 goals in a practice match against Sydney club Manly, which has just won promotion to first division.

I can't remember seeing a more potentially dangerous Australian forward line.

Vojtek and Baartz are going to prove a constant threat to the various Asian opposition with their ability to make an attacking break, while Watkiss, John Warren and Ten De Lyster have the ability to hit in a powerful shot from any angle.

Manfred Schaefer, a strongly built wing-half, can be remarkably effective in a deep lying defensive role and this is why he's expected to win a place in the side ahead of Frank Micic, of Victoria.

Keith is certain to be the No. 1 choice as right-back throughout the tour.

### "WE CAN WIN"

"I think we can win the tournament in Vietnam", said the Australian captain, John Warren, before leaving for Saigon.

So do I.

Never in the last 12 years have I seen an Australian team in which there is such a burning desire to achieve success.

"We know that our toughest opposition is going to come from Vietnam, and I think it's a good thing that we are playing them in the opening match.

**"We found when we went to Cambodia with the World Cup team in 1965, that the sickness that you cannot avoid in an Asian country hit us around the sixth day.**

"This means, with a bit of luck, that we should have got the match against Vietnam over before the boys start to get sick."

Australia will play in Group A of the tournament which includes Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines.

Group B is comprised of Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

The semi-finals will be played on November 12 and the final on the following day.

The draw for the preliminary matches is:

**Nov. 4:** Vietnam v. Australia.

**Nov. 5:** Singapore v. Philippines; Malaysia v. New Zealand.

**Nov. 7:** Vietnam v. Singapore; Thailand v. Malaysia.

**Nov. 9:** Philippines v. Vietnam; Australia v. Singapore.

**Nov. 11:** New Zealand v. Thailand; Philippines v. Australia.

Other international matches definitely to be played at this stage are in Singapore on November 21 and 23 and in Malaysia on November 25.

### EXTRA MATCH

The Australian Soccer team is likely to play extra matches in Penang and Indonesia on the current tour of the Asian countries.

They would occur during the week that the touring party is currently due to spend in Saigon after the final of the Vietnam tournament on November 12.

**"I am going to do everything possible to make sure that we get out of Saigon as soon as the tournament is over", the Australian team's co-manager John Barclay told me.**

Australia originally was due to play two matches in Djakarta in the first week of December.

They were called off at short notice by Indonesian officials but a fresh approach has now been made to the Australian Soccer Federation secretary Ian McAndrew by the Indonesian Cultural Attache in Canberra.

"I am hoping that something can be done to enable the Australian team to play in Indonesia", said Mr. McAndrew.

### BOOMERANGS

One hundred and fifty boomerangs are just part of a number of gifts being taken to Asia by the Australian Soccer team.

They were hand made by aboriginals at the Sydney suburb of La Perouse and are guaranteed to return to the thrower.

Each player who takes the field against Australia will be given a boomerang.

**Three silver salvers and a silver jug are being taken to present to the various National Associations.**

Two silver cigarette boxes, 25 sets of cuff links and four silver serviette rings also will be given to leading officials who come into contact with Australia's touring party.

All of these items bear the crest of the Australian Soccer Federation.

I am coming to the opinion that Billy Vojtek, a thin, pale, moody young inside forward from Victoria's Croatia club, could develop into the star of Australia's team.

His display during a full scale practice match against Manly was an eye opener.

Vojtek showed a remarkable acceleration in scoring two goals in quick succession which led the Australian coach Joe Vlasits to leap to his feet and shout "Bravo, Billy".

**On each occasion he broke through the defence and drew out the goal-keeper like a spider beckoning a fly.**

Other players have a high opinion of the technical skill of this wonderfully supple young man.

They are wondering why it has taken so long for Vojtek to win his first Australian cap.

### ADIDAS BOOTS

Tony Boskovic, the leading referee, is certain to raise plenty of Asian eyebrows when he follows his pre-match ritual before each match on the coming tour.

He swallows the yolk of two eggs mixed with the juice of a lemon.

But the safest bet of the whole tour is that Boskovic will take the field wearing a pair of boots which have three stripes down the side.

**He is employed in Sydney by the company which manufactures the world famous Adidas boot.**

Nearly every member of the Australian team will be wearing Adidas boots on the tour of Asia.

### CONTACT LENS

Ted De Lyster, who plays Soccer wearing contact lenses, is likely to fill the problem position of left winger in Australia's touring party.

The young South Australian has previously played as an inside forward.

De Lyster, who is only 21, has the fair hair and pale complexion to be expected from a young man who was born in Holland.

Roger Romanowicz, who is only 20, already has taken a giant stride toward gaining the rating as Australia's No. 1 goal-keeper.

The young South Australian has been showing a remarkable agility and anticipation in the Asian touring party's training in Sydney.

He has height and reach as well as the huge hands which are the basic requirements for a top class goal-keeper.

**The general opinion when the Australian team was picked was that Ron Corry, of N.S.W., was the No. 1 goal-keeper.**

But don't be surprised if Romanowicz quickly gains the inside running as the first choice for the position.

## ASTON IN SAIGON

**Martin Aston, Soccer-Tennis News special representative, flew to Saigon, South Vietnam, with the Australian National Soccer team on Monday.**

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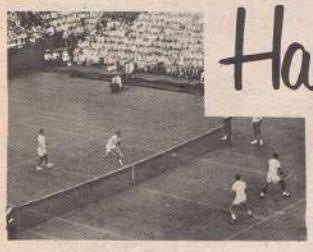
# FOCUS ON ACTION with Uwe Kuessner

**DELIRIOUS MELBOURNE** supporters swarm on to the field to chair the players, below, the strain shows, Bob Conelley, Peter Kurta and Atilla Abonyi are glad it is all over. Below right, Sportsmanship, we didn't see this in the Dockerty Cup final, but last Sunday Apia's captain Phil Bottalico was the first to shake hands with Alistair Scott.

**EX-VICTORIAN PLAYER ARCHIE BLUE** sends a flying header towards goal, No. 4 is Ian Shanks. **Left:** This time Shanks heads away from Blue. **Below:** The last laugh, Melbourne has scored again, from left, Brian Taylor, Atilla Abonyi, Frank Stoffels, Peter Kurta and Collin Myers.



# Harry Hopman's Notebook

## ROCHE TO TRAIN HERE

*Tony Roche came to Melbourne this week to spend eight days fitting himself for the opening of Australia's summer major tournament season which will begin with the Queensland championships at Brisbane on November 13.*

Roche took the Australian hardcourt singles championship with a fine win over John Newcombe less than two weeks ago.

That was not a test of fitness because the Wimbledon champion seldom attacked with sufficient control to put Tony under great pressure for more than a point or two, occasionally.

Australians anticipate that John Newcombe and Roy Emerson will play the singles when the Davis Cup is defended at Brisbane on December 26, 27 and 28.

**Roche has other ideas. He would like to play one of the two singles positions as well as the doubles in which he would anticipate playing with either his regular partner, Newcombe or Emerson.**

Last year, against India at Kooyong, Roche played in the doubles and did not do himself justice.

One of the reasons for missing his top form when he wanted it so much was that he had to take the last three to four days of preparation lightly because of blister trouble on his left — his playing hand.

Tony has come to Melbourne at the request I made to his employers, Slazengers, who feel, as I do, that it would be a happy situation for Australia to have a fit and confident Roche, even if it was only for doubles — and a singles position in case of accident.

Tony will have a lot to do while here. He will spend some time in the Oasis gymnasium under the guidance of Stan Nicholes who has often helped Davis Cup players to fitness, and some of his time on court tuning up strokes.

Allan Stone and John Cooper are two who will be ready to help him practice — and probably join him running.

Allan and John have their own good reasons to train and practise with Tony. Both are seeking a place in Australia's Davis Cup Squad and, when you are over 6 ft. tall and feeling "fighting fit", and as young as they are, it is easy to think of a place in the Davis Cup team of four.

**The Real Club de Barcelona should never be used for Davis Cup matches or for the finals of international tournaments when a Spaniard is in the final.**

But that is where the Davis Cup semi-final between South Africa and India is scheduled to begin

**It just does not seem right to come away from such a handsome and restful place with the din of thousands of Oles (if that is the plural of Ole) ringing in one's ears and with one's senses reeling from the tension a Spanish gallery always creates during a close match.**

The Real Club is an old stone building, refreshingly cool with quiet reading and writing rooms and a tree-lined patio where lunch is served.

It is pleasant to wander along the vine-arcaded walks to many of the courts or to watch a line of club members using a very long practice wall.

The Club is in a quiet section of the surburbia of a large and swirling city; it must be a haven to many of its wealthy members who, in the cool of a summer evening can dine and dance as well as play their sport.

But it is certainly no haven during a big match.

The courts, of course, are red, porous and slow because they are well-cared for with plenty of labor to water them.

The stands for about 3,500 to 4,000 are compact and fairly close to the playing area, so there is no escaping the tension if a Spanish player is in trouble or the "battle is tight".

Fortunately, there is a swimming pool and other amenities.

A game of pelota can be played too if you can talk yourself into believing you can catch and throw that very small and very, very fast ball with a curved basket tied to your tennis arm.

### WHAT THEY WERE PAID

Here in sterling is what Australian players received from the All England Club at Wimbledon as expenses towards living in London for three weeks and part of a round-the-world fare:

T. Addison £50, W. W. Bowrey 150, J. F. Brown 50, J. R. Cooper 50, J. A. Cottrill 50, R. D. Crealy 50, O. K. Davidson 150, R. Emerson 250, K. Hiskins 50, R. F. Keldie 50, R. McKenzie 50, J. L. Moore 50, J. D. Newcombe 150, J. J. O'Neill 50, G. Primrose 50, A. D. Roche 150, A. J. Stone 50, C. W. Stubs 50, R. J. Wilson 50, Miss S. Alexander 50, Mrs. J. Cottrill 50, Miss H. Gourley 50, Miss M. O. Harris 50, Mrs. C. Langsford 50, Miss A. T. Mackay 50, Mrs. J. O'Neill 100, Mrs. J. Newcombe 50, Miss G. Sherriff 50, Miss J. Tegart 100, Miss F. Toyne 50, Miss L. Turner 100.

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## Juniors show top form

Brenda Jenkins is showing form that indicates she is headed for the No. 1 spot in Australian women's junior tennis.

A student - teacher, Brenda will be too busy to play the early tournaments of the Australian major summer circuit — the championships of Queensland and New South Wales.

That is a disadvantage she hopes to overcome by doing regular gymnasium work and getting some tough practice in the Kooyong Sunday morning Wilson Cup practice squad as well as occasional games against sister Ann, and another fellow member of the winning Glen Iris A Grade pennant team, Mrs. Beverley Rae.

Brenda finished in second place to Alexis (Lexie) Kenny of Queensland in the Australian junior rankings based on performances to March 31 of this year.

**Lexie did not play in the Australian hardcourt championships at Glen Iris when Brenda upset Karen Krantzcke, gave Lesley Turner a fine match in the women's singles and easily won the junior singles.**

She also won the junior doubles partnering Kerry Harris who, with Janet Young, is likely to be a team mate in defence of the Wilson Cup at Kooyong in January.

### NO SURPRISE

Brenda's defeat of Karen was not a surprise. Last year on hardcourts she held several match points on Lesley Turner who had to play some magnificent down-the-line backhands within inches of the line to get out of trouble.

**Brenda's forehand did most of the damage against Karen. She swung it cross-court with angles the tall Sydney girl could not reach.**

Lesley moved around the court faster than Karen and her court coverage was the difference in her defeat of Brenda and Karen's loss.

She retrieved the Jenkins angled forehands, often sending them back as high, floating half-lobs to give herself time to get back to good court position.

Nevertheless, Brenda forced Lesley to produce some of her very best to get out of trouble in both sets in her 6-4 x 10-8 win.

One of Brenda's toughest opponents of last year in the juniors, Sue Alexander, won't be in the championships this season. Sue went overseas last year and remained in England.

### TOP RIVAL

Toughest opposition this summer is sure to come from Lexie Kenny and, perhaps, Lesley Hunt, the blonde and boyish Perth youngster whose easy style has created a fine impression during the past two years.

Janet Young and Kerry Harris may not improve sufficiently to worry her, the sixth ranking, Barbara Hawcroft of Queensland, will miss the early season's tournaments because of examinations.

One who may have improved during the winter is Evonne Goolagong of New South Wales whose style, learnt in the country, is sound and could lead to rapid improvement and be flexible enough to help her become a discerning, tactical player.

## ...MATCH POINTS

### How to play tandem

**The tandem formation in doubles is one of the finest tactics in tennis, yet it is seldom used.**

In asking for my comment on tandem a correspondent raises the point that it has been criticised as unsporting.

This suggestion was made, too, after the presentation of the L.T.A.V. pennants at Kooyong at the weekend.

**There can be no question of bad sportsmanship in using the tandem formation.**

It is part of the game — just like the court, the score and the two services.

It is the same as playing to an opponent's weak backhand rather than to a strong forehand.

There was no thought of bad sportsmanship charges when Ham Richardson and Alec Olmedo played tandem when serving to Neale Fraser in the vital doubles of the 1958 Challenge Round at Brisbane.

The Australian camp had anticipated the Americans would play that tactic against Fraser. And Fraser, a left-hander, had practised returning down the line from his backhand in the second court and also the lob over the man at the net.

**The tandem's most common use is against a player who is returning service particularly well and putting the server into trouble as he or she follows in behind service towards the net.**

### CAUTION

In diagram No. 1, A and B are standing in the generally - accepted positions when A is serving to D, with D's partner, C, about half-way in ready to take advantage of any weak reply from the serving end.

For tandem (let's say to stop severe returning crosscourt by D) B moves over to E and A moves to F which is as close to the dividing line as he can get.

With B protecting the crosscourt drive, A serves and moves toward the net in line to about G, or wherever he thinks D will return.

A warning to B. When playing tandem be prepared for a fast one straight at you and, perhaps, a lob over your head.

**Don't get the impression that the tandem is used only to stop fine play from an oppenent. It can be used to protect a weakness.**

This is the one way, I believe, it should be used much more in competitive tennis from the top grades down.

For instance, if I am serving into the second court and don't wish to run to the net behind my delivery, and my forehand on the day is much better than my backhand, from A, I will have my partner stand as in diagram No. 2 at B to stop the opponent returning to my backhand.

I warn my partner to watch for a lob at the same time. It will mean that the opponent will have to return towards C. That means I can play the ball on my forehand.

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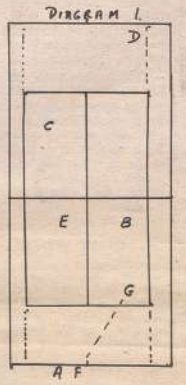


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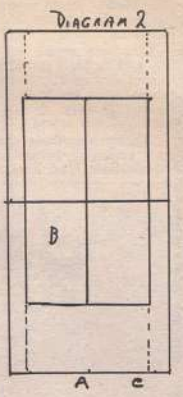



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# NO WORRY OVER PROS. VENTURE

## Kramer Cup was a flop

**There is no threat to tennis or to the status of the Davis Cup in the formation of a second group of professionals under the guidance of U.S. businessmen, announced officially this week in New York.**

A number of the leading amateur players of 1967 might turn professional for this group and that might "rock the amateur boat" lightly. But there is no chance that the change-over of up to ten amateurs will sink the ship.

Those who scare easily should remember the Kramer Cup.

Seven years ago Jack Kramer's professional troupe had gone through several lean years following the bonanza they had found in the early and middle 1950's when a new and wonderful group of Australian players gave Kramer world-wide publicity whenever one or two of them turned pro.

Kramer conceived the idea of signing-up the top amateur from half a dozen different countries and playing a "world" series along Davis Cup lines among professionals with the trophy to be the Kramer Cup.

**Kramer claimed it would kill amateur tennis and the Davis Cup and many who jumped aboard the bandwaggon of professionalism.**

The Kramer Cup died within a few years.

The Davis Cup has flourished drawing larger entries and bigger attendances in many countries, especially in Europe from where Kramer made his raids.

### MISTAKE

Kramer made the mistake of adding to his champions of the time a number of players who had passed their prime, like Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, and some who had not made a big name, like Andres Gimeno of Spain.

Some countries — Spain for instance — made weakened Davis Cup bids for a year or two, but within five years Spain had come back with such strength as to reach the Challenge Round for the first time since its first bid for the Cup in 1921.

Compared with the "name buys" Kramer made in the early and middle 1950's to attract the public to his professional shows, those now available — like Bob Hewitt, Roger Taylor, Nikki Pilic, Cliff Drysdale and Rafael Osuna — will be missed from the amateur ranks for a little while but they will be easily replaced from among the younger players always pressing forward.

**This professional set-up for 1968 is a further swing away from the old head-on collision of the two top stars supported by a singles or a doubles fill-in in one night stands which have been featured since the inception of professional exhibition tennis 40 years ago.**

### SUIT PROS

More tournaments were played last year than previously. Already the MacCall group has talked of additions to its sponsored tournaments.

An Open Wimbledon would suit the professionals because, at the least, it would mean that Wimbledon would really be sponsoring another tournament for them.

How and where Australia will fit into the professional sponsorship is found much more easily in other more densely populated parts of the world.

**Unless something could be arranged before the Australians who intended turning pro left Australia, the cost of eight or 10 "Australia and return" fares would have to be added to the cost of sponsorship of a tournament.**

Against such a plan might be a reluctance of enthusiasts to watch immediately after the Davis Cup Challenge Round the same players in professional engagements.

HARRY HOPMAN

*These two teenagers are among Australia's most promising Davis Cup hopes of the early 1970's — Adi Kourim (left) and Bill Durham. Both played important roles in the decision in the Associated Public Schools annual combined sports last Saturday.*

Although Kourim's school, Brighton Grammar, finished last, and his success in the under-15 high jump was the school's only win, it was this event, which started at 3.55 p.m. and did not finish until 5.20 p.m., on which the final result of the sports hung.

Durham of Scotch was second in the under-15 100 and third in the 220 under-15.

He was second in the under-16 long jump at 20 ft. 10 in. — beaten by 1½ in.

If he had won that event it would have swung the final result to Scotch.

Xavier could not then have won on the result of the high jump which Kourim won for Brighton Grammar so much later in the afternoon.

It took Durham and Kourim some time on Sunday morning to become as interested as they usually are in the customary Tennis practice they have at Kooyong.

**They are two of the finest Tennis prospects Victoria has had for years.**

Both are young giants for their years — Durham will be 15 next March and Kourim 15 in December. Both are over 6 ft. tall and weigh over 12 stone.

Both are bigger than Lew Hoad at the same age.

**I mention Hoad's name because Durham's style in some ways reminds me of Lew and his big-hitting game is, at present, as erratic as was Hoad's game when he first appeared in the Australian tennis picture.**

Kourim cannot be compared with Ken Rosewall who was Lew's "tennis twin". He is so much bigger than Ken ever was.

Yet, in making a comparison with Bill Durham, I can think of Rosewall because in the younger days of Hoad and Rosewall, Ken was as steady as Lew was erratic.

Kourim played for safety too much to make rapid headway in style until six months ago, but now is developing a game which will rival Durham's for power.

Both boys are members of the Shell coaching class at Kooyong, but also receive additional practice at Kooyong with the Linton Cup (top juniors) class and, at times, when the Wilson Cup (top girls) class is in session.

# HEADED FOR THE TOP POSITION

**PETER BELLINGER began playing at Glen Iris Valley Recreation Club when he was about 10 years of age, before the family moved to Adelaide.**

There he joined the National Fitness movement and managed to get some tennis and a little coaching. However, the game became more serious for him when he returned to Melbourne.

He joined the Courtland Club, owned by tennis professionals Arthur and Alf Rogers. He was secretary of the club for five years when the club played in the Caulfield-Carrum competitions. Peter became a delegate to that association, and, later, became a representative of Caulfield-Carrum on the L.T.A.V. Council.

He is now in his seventh year as secretary of Caulfield-Carrum one of Victoria's largest metropolitan associations.

Now, however, he is a member of Bentleigh Recreational T.C. and enjoying his game again after missing it for some seasons.

Young, at 29, as experienced tennis secretaries go, Peter seems headed for many more "official" years in the game.

# Mystery man

I'll name this tennis personality later. First, a warning — no mention of the Berkeley Tennis Club of Oakland, California — unless you have half-a-day to spare.

This tennis devotee watched Don Budge, who grew up in Oakland, play many matches at Berkley T.C. the home club, incidentally, of Helen Wills Moody, now Mrs. Roark.

This "mystery" enthusiast can talk for hours on the Jiro Yamagishi (a famous Japanese stylist) versus Don Budge final of the Pacific Coast title — at Berkeley.

He went to the University of California at Berkeley where most of the many batches of tennis courts (all cement, of course) are built on stilts to allow parking underneath.

And, if you got around to talking doubles to him you would hear for sure that one of his life's disappointments is that both his youngsters, Dow and Nicholas, are likely to grow up "lefties". He did want a right-hander and a left-hander for a doubles combination!

His name: Al Long, manager in Melbourne of Pan American Airlines.

# COLAC HAVE GONE AHEAD

Talks with several country tennis officials recently have left me with the feeling that they are less worried about their courts than many city dwellers.

One reason for this is, of course, that many country clubs still use asphalt or have turned to concrete and have not yet used porous-type courts.

Take for instance, the Alvie and District Tennis Association of which Mrs. A. Lavery, of Colac, is secretary.

Tennis there is mainly on asphalt and concrete, although the Colac Tennis Club has good grass courts and porous courts are being laid down at Trinity College, the new Christian Brothers' college.

Colac has no water restrictions, but that does not worry Mrs. Lavery's Association's clubs.

The Alvie Association has an extra grade in junior play this season making a total of 54 competing teams. In three rounds played so far the enthusiasm is keener than ever.

Mrs. Lavery believes this may be the result of the large number of juniors playing in senior clubs as well as the Under 16 competition.

"We will run an all-day junior tournament at the Colac Tennis Club in about 10 days time", she said. "And we anticipate a record entry in each of the Under 19, Under 17 and Under 15 singles events for boys and for girls."

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**• All correspondence should be signed, giving, where posible, name of club and Association and should reach the above address not later than first post Friday.**

# WHO HOLDS THE TOP NATIONAL TITLES?

The 1966-67 title winners of the men's and women's singles and the junior boys' and girls' events in our major tournaments are:

**Australian** — R. Emerson (Qld.), Miss N. Richey (U.S.A.), Brian Fairlie (N.Z.), Alexis Kenny (Qld.).

**Australian Hardcourt** — R. Emerson, Miss K. Krantzche (N.S.W.), Bob Layton (N.S.W.), Pat Turner (N.S.W.).

**Queensland:** R. Emerson, Miss L. Turner (N.S.W.), Karl Coombes (N.S.W.), Alexis Kenny.

**N.S.W.** — P. Stolle (N.S.W.), Miss L. Turner, Brian Fairlie (N.Z.), Alexis Kenny.

**Victoria** — R. Emerson, Miss R. Casals (U.S.A.), Brian Fairlie (N.Z.), Miss Brenda Jenkins (Vic.).

**South Australia** — J. Newcombe (N.S.W.), Miss L. Turner, John Alexander (N.S.W.), Sue Alexander (N.S.W.).

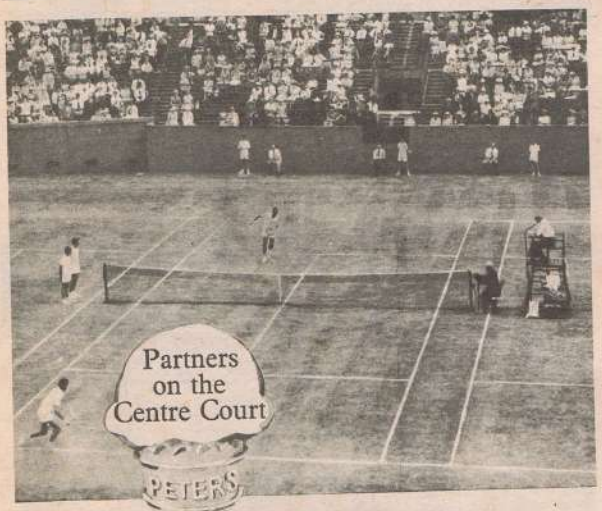
**Western Australia** — A. Roche, Miss Francoise Durr (France), Tony Hammond (W.A.), Lesley Hunt (W.A.).

**Tasmania** — A. Roche, Miss N. Richey (U.S.A.), John Bartlett (N.S.W.), Brenda Jenkins.

# State Title Dates

Tournament dates for the 1967-68 season are:

Nov. 13-19: Queensland;
Nov. 20-26: N.S.W.;
Nov. 27-Dec. 3: Vic.;
Dec. 9-16: S.A.;
Dec. 26, 27, 28: Challenge Round, Milton Courts, Brisbane;
Jan. 1-7: W.A.;
Jan. 8-14: Tasmania;
Jan. 15-19: Australian Junior teams Wilson and Linton Cups at Kooyong;
Jan. 19-29: Australian Championships at Kooyong.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# RICHMOND COACH IS SOLD ON SOCCER

**Tom Hafey, non-playing coach of Richmond Football Club, 1967 premiers of the Victorian Football League (Australian Rules) attended both days of the recent Australian Soccer coaching Symposium.**

**He said at the week-end he had been most impressed by the concentration of the coaches in their intense search for greater perfection in technique.**

"I think I learned something from these dedicated men", Hafey said to a Tennis-Soccer News reporter, "and next season I'm going to try to introduce some of their perfection-seeking plans in the training of the Tigers.

"There's such a difference in the two games that I could not use their training routines," he said. "But I'm sure I can step up the Tigers' work in their ground - circling practice.

**"It seems to me Australian Rules coaches could benefit from similar symposiums. If they could catch the intense enthusiasm of the Soccer men they would be sure to benefit, and so would their teams."**

Hafey added that he was amazed by the knowledge and interest the Soccer coaches and other officials who attended the symposium had in Richmond and other Victorian League clubs — particularly Carlton.

"These Soccer fans asked me questions and told me facts about the Tigers that I would have thought would have been almost specialised knowledge of some of the dyed-in-the-wool Richmond barrackers."

Entries for the 79th Victorian championship meeting, sponsored by Peters Ice Cream (Vic.) Pty. Ltd., will close at the clubhouse Glenferrie Road, Kooyong, next Monday, November 6, 1967.

## SECRETARY STEPS UP

LES CHISHOLM has become senior vice-president of the Church of England Tennis Association after 12 years as secretary. It must be a great satisfaction to him to step out of that hard-working role at a time when team entry is an all-time high.

When Les took over the secretaryship there were more than 60 teams in the C. of E. Summer competition and this season there are 115. Twelve years ago there were 66 in the Senior competition and now there are 93. In addition there are now 22 Junior teams.

Les has always played with All Souls, Sandringham — B grade for most of the time with an occasional match in a higher grade. Wife Margery also plays. Eldest daughter, Jill, still a junior, is playing D grade. Fiona and Hugh, the other Chisholm children, are already following the family sport.

Geelong and District Churches Tennis Association has applied to the L.T.A.V. for an international exhibition match during the summer. No doubt the Geelong folk have in mind Danes Torben Ulrich and Jan Leschley and the four American women players, Billie-Jean King, Rosie Casals, Mary Ann Eisel and Kathy Harter.

**BACK TO HIS FIRST LOVE.** Harry Hopman, Australia's Davis Cup captain, was back with his first sporting love — Soccer — at the week-end.

Here he is seen (centre) after his address to the symposium of Australian Soccer coaches held at Melbourne University on Saturday and Sunday.

From left: Bob Thomas, president Victorian Soccer Coaches Association, Vic Janczyk vice-president, Harry Hopman, Eric Lindberg, assistant sec., and Ken Kontra, secretary.

As a teenager, Harry had become a proficient outside-right before a tennis racquet netted him.

## TOURNEY AT DONCASTER

One of the many pointers to the increase in the number of tennis players in Victoria was this year's 15% increase in the entries for the annual August school holiday tournaments.

A new junior tournament next year will be at the Doncaster T.C. which, with two new courts, making five in all, has received approval to conduct its first junior tournament in May, 1968.

An Australian team will again play in the Auckland Invitation tournament from January 31 to February 5 next year.

Australian selectors will be asked to name a team of two men and two women — and a manager.

Eaglemont Tennis Club officials are negotiating with the Heidelberg Council for an area sufficient for 27 courts and a clubhouse on a reserve, alongside the Boulevard, East Ivanhoe. The club plans to build nine courts and then a clubhouse.

# THEY KNEW THE GAME

**I cannot imagine a National Tennis Coaching Symposium proving so rewarding as the Australian Soccer Coaching Symposium held at Melbourne University at the week-end, for the very sound reason that the Soccer coaches were all former players of repute.**

For one thing, the Soccer coaches were all players of repute and it was very evident they wanted to give of their best for the love of the game, forgetting personal jealousies, withholding no secrets.

This gathering was Soccer experience from many countries talking and demonstrating. If the burr was too sticky, or the accent too harsh, the president of the Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association, Bob Thomas, was at the microphone to help the listener, save time for the demonstrator and "keep the ball rolling".

**If there was a fault to be found in a city where another game of football hogs the headlines, it was that the size of the audience was not worthy of the coaches and lecturers, like the director of Physical Education at Melbourne University, Dr. A. W. Willee, and Brian Nettleton of the Physical Education staff.**

I simply tough on the headings of part of Dr. Willee's talk to give an idea of the ground he covered for an appreciative audience:

1. There is no substitute for hard work.
2. Generalisation before specialisation.
3. Individuality.
4. Specificity.
5. Progressive overload.
6. Regularity.
7. Quality of work before quantity.
8. Related total energy expenditure.
9. Progress should be measured.
10. Variety and spice.
11. Right practice makes perfect.

### TACKLING

The name of Stanley Matthews was, of course, brought into discussion when J.U.S.T. coach, Eric Lindberg talked of body weave.

Phys.-Ed. teacher and coach Ollie Norris took his audience through tackling step by step — and looked as though he would like to be tackling anything, with one qualification — the bigger the better.

Ken Kontra concentrated on the art of passing the ball. Jan Bens stayed on his "man right, man left (of the man with the ball)" —catch words to emphasise the functions of position in teamwork.

These finer points allied to "depth in defence" from Manny Poulakakis; the stimulating manner in which Franz van Balkom talks to a group in a Soccer nursery and the words of Jim Adam cultivating the interest of youngsters already indoctrinated in Australian Rules were reminders that "the game's the same" in tennis.

HARRY HOPMAN

## BILLETS ONLY

In Tennis News last week it was inadvertently stated that assistance to help organise the Victorian (November 27 to December 3) and Australian Championships (January 15 to 29) to be held at Kooyong was needed.

The assistance the L.T.A.V. is seeking is with the billeting of visiting players in the championships. If you can assist please telephone Mr. Alec Aitchison at Kooyong — 20 3333.

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## Semi to SA

However, with so many first-class Davis Cup players available at the time selectors did not have to take a risk on Hewitt's explosive temperament under pressure.

Bob married a South African girl and decided to make her country his home.

His tennis appears to have improved — and his temperament too — though he still occasionally finds himself in trouble because of language deviations on court in flashes of temper.

**South Africa are favored to win through to the Challenge Round because the team appears better-balanced than that of India or Spain.**

Hewitt and Cliff Drysdale are about equal in singles ability and stand out from other South Africans like Robert Maud, Ray Moore, Peter van Lingen and Frew McMillan.

Drysdale is noted for a two - handed back - hand similar to, but not so aggressive, as was that of Vivian McGrath, Australian star of the 1930's.

### STRONG PAIR

Of the three teams, South Africa has the much better doubles team on this year's performances. The Wimbledon doubles title is one of many Hewitt and McMillan won this year. There is no doubt they are a fine pair.

Ramanathan Krishnan is the best of the Indians. He is usually No. 1 in the team with either Premjit or Jay Mukerjea in second place.

It is not so strong a singles line-up as Drysdale and Hewitt.

**Harry Hopman.**


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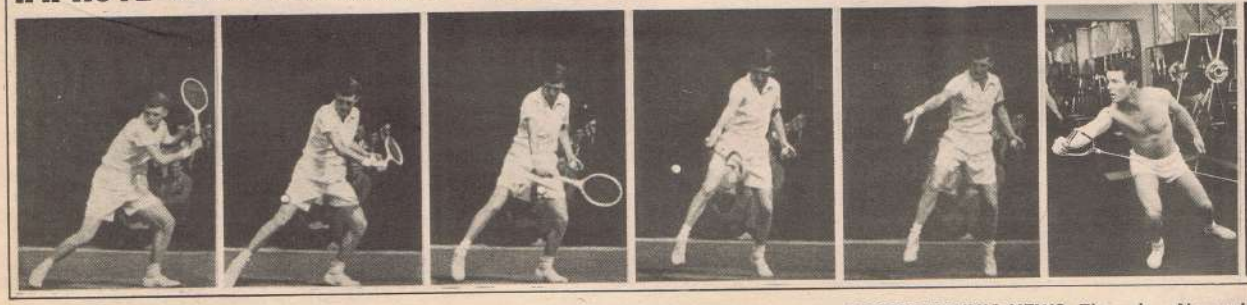

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# FROM The CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

HARRY HOPMAN SAYS...

**Mr. Bill Edwards, president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, will give whole-hearted support to the proposed formation of an Australian Junior Davis Cup squad for training and playing in the coming season.**

**I made the suggestion for the Squad in this column last week and Bill told me this week that he would be 100 per cent behind the proposal.**

His comment on the idea was "If you would formulate a plan now I would like to see it go before the next Council meeting of the L.T.A.A. on November 20".

The idea I suggested was that Australia's selectors should name a group of half-a-dozen young players of Davis Cup potential for a squad so that they would be organised into practice and training — sometimes with the Davis Cup Squad — as they travelled the Australian summer circuit playing the tournaments.

I had pointed out that the three outstanding Australian players, Roy Emerson, John Newcombe and Tony Roche, had received professional offers and that our fifth-ranking player, Owen Davidson, had turned professional to coach at Wimbledon from October 1.

**At present they travel tournaments, from Brisbane around to Adelaide or Perth usually "on their own", with little or no advice from more experienced players or any practice with them.**

Without anyone to organise them, most of the top junior boy competitors find it too easy to join in a game of cards in the dressing room although most of them know their tennis ambitions would be better served if they were practising.

Even when they are on the practice court they don't make the best of their opportunity unless someone is there to guide them.

### PROBLEM

First problem would be to find someone who could captain such a Squad.

He must necessarily be someone of experience and match-play knowledge who will also know how to handle a group of juniors.

There will be no problem in finding players for the Squad.

As usual, Australia has many juniors of great potential who could be moulded into champions worthy to step into the Davis Cup shoes of the great champions who have built this country's tennis repute.

## Lew had a rush job

A comment on TV I heard Frank Sedgman make at Glen Iris last week during the final of the Australian Hard-court championship switched my memory back 11 years.

**Frank's comment was "Roche is playing the wrong type of game trying to rush the net with the court surface so dry and footing unsure".**

When I heard the comment I was thinking Tony Roche would have little chance against John Newcombe if he allowed the Wimbledon champion to take his time picking the right ball on which to attack.

Tony must have felt the same way about it. He admitted later that he thought he should rush John — or, at least, hurry him — with attack because he knew John had not settled down completely since returning home after his great performances overseas.

Sedgman's comment recalled for me the many champions I have seen use the "rush" method.

Billie-Jean King, the present top woman player, using that method, forces more errors from many an opponent than she wins points — or she receives a reply that she can put away well with her volleying.

But my 11-year-old flashback in memory was to a match I consider one of the finest examples of a successful rush. It was Lew Hoad's recovery in the fourth set of the Wimbledon final of 1956 which he won from Ken Rosewall.

Lew led two sets to one and was down 1-4 in the fourth, with Ken playing great tennis.

**TOOK RISKS**

Then the change came. Hoad began taking risks moving more quickly towards the net than earlier in the game and by standing in so close to the service line when Rosewall served that he would have been volleying the serve had he been much closer.

**Because of his adaptability in strokemaking Hoad could afford to stand in close. His tactic worked to perfection.**

He won 20 of the last 23 points of the match and hit too many winners to keep accurate count in the excitement of his recovery from 1-4 to 6-4 and his first Wimbledon title.

## Van Esveld reminder

WHEN four young players stepped forward to be presented with the L.T.A.V. "D" grade pennant and their individual trophies at the presentations at the week-end they reminded Ralph van Esveld of the dual role he had played when in arranging the final against Croydon.

Jim Hudson, Manuel Frances, Barry Ashenhurst and Brian Newton also played with two other young players in the Southern Districts, Section 1, men's competition and reached the grand final.

This grand final and the L.T.A.V. "D" grade final were set down for the same day.

They put in a plea with their Southern Districts president Ralph van Esveld asking him to try to arrange another date with the L.T.A.V. At the same time they wrote to the L.T.A.V. seeking a change.

The L.T.A.V. letter went on to the Pennant Committee chairman, Ralph van Esveld.

Nothing could be done by van Esveld. However, the King's Park players suggested to their Croydon opponents that they would play any other time, anywhere. The venue was fixed for Croydon.

King's Park won that pennant final easily at 6 rubbers to 2. The same four, and two other club mates, also won the Southern Districts Grand Final.

Van Esveld has been with Southern Districts 28 years — 19 of them as secretary of the Hurlingham Park T.C. has been on the L.T.A.V. Council 14 years — 10 of them on the Pennant Committee, and the last two as chairman.

## CROYDON LADIES SHOW OUT

At its first try in the L.T.A.V. women's competitions the flourishing Croydon Tennis Club won a pennant, and much of the credit must go to former pennant player, Russell Pratt.

When winter pennants were presented at Kooyong at the week-end the women's "D" grade winners — Gayle Bishop, Dianne Drewett, Joan Morris and Sue Taylor, with Cheryl Bishop a one-match alternate — were one of the youngest groups to receive awards.

Croydon has often had a men's team competing in pennants, but this year the club excelled itself with three pennant teams — and a women's team for the first time.

Russell Pratt is a schoolteacher and week-end tennis coach who has created lively junior enthusiasm as well as a wonderful junior membership at Croydon where he organises the May school holiday tournament.

Like most other officials, Croydon president Barry Parks was very interested in Kooyong's calcium chloride experiment on the porous courts.

Croydon had four asphalt and four porous courts, but recently turned three of the asphalt into porous — a progressive move when there is no drought around the corner.

# S. AFRICA TO WIN CUP SEMI

**South Africa should win over India in the Davis Cup inter-zone semi-final to be played at Barcelona beginning tomorrow.**

Australians are looking for a South African win because Bob Hewitt is a member of the team. Many believe the unpredictable Bob could add color to the Challenge Round in Brisbane.

To reach the Challenge Round South Africa must beat India and then Spain. It would be South Africa's first challenge round.

Spain challenged for the first time, ever in Sydney in 1965.

India, again a first-timer, challenged in Melbourne last September.

Both proved careful, entertaining and stout-fighting teams, but the South Africans would prove greater drawcards in Brisbane.

This year's Davis Cup competition was divided into four zones instead of the customary three by splitting the large European Zone entry in two zones of 16 teams each.

### BIG UPSET

Spain won the European "A" Zone and South Africa won the European "B" Zone.

**Ecuador sprang an almost unbelievable surprise to upset the United States to win the American Zone, and India easily won the Eastern Zone.**

Spain had no difficulty in defeating Ecuador five rubbers to nil in the first inter-zone semi-final at Barcelona.

Because of South Africa's color trouble a neutral zone had to be found for the India - Sth. Africa inter-zone semi-final, and, after much "shopping around" for guarantees, Barcelona was chosen.

If South Africa beat India, Spain has already agreed to play the inter-zone final in Durban where South Africa defeated Brazil in the final of the European "B" Zone.

### IMPROVED

**Bob Hewitt** was a borderline case for selection in an Australian Davis Cup team in days when he and **Fred Stolle** were playing very good doubles.

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